

Congresswoman Johnson Responds to Slave Reparation Refund Fraud

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Washington, DC — Today, on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX30) released the following statement regarding the increasing number of slavery reparation scams reported by the IRS.

“Once again, African Americans have become the focus of a potentially major crime network involving slavery reparations through false tax claims. These predators mostly target church congregations and the elderly, preying on their frustrations and their feelings of injustice. The issue of reparations continues to be an issue for the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). In every Congress since 1989, the Dean of the CBC, Rep. John Conyers has introduced his legislation, H.R. 40, Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act and he has pledged to continue to do so until it is passed into law. Unfortunately, that day has not yet come. Furthermore, we condemn those degenerates that would exploit a culture of Americans that is the least deserving of any more hardships inflicted upon them by this country, by falsifying such a claim.

“The CBC is pleased to join the IRS in their effort to protect taxpayers and in their pursuit to bring legal action against these predators. We caution all African Americans to be vigilant in releasing personal information. Also, in taking action, we encourage everyone to please take this information into consideration, even if it doesn’t apply to you directly. We believe it would be a great help for all citizens to relay this information on to someone who could be affected.”

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson is serving her fifth term representing the Thirtieth Congressional District of Texas. She is the highest-ranking Democratic Member on the House Committee on Science Subcommittee on Basic Research, and the highest-ranking Texan on the House Committee on Transportation. She is Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and was named by Ebony Magazine as one of the Ten Most Powerful African-American Women of 2001.